

DNREC Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police to host 33rd Annual Youth Fishing Tournament June 1

Tournament marks start of National Fishing & Boating Week June 1-9; entry forms online

DOVER – As part of Delaware's participation in National Fishing and Boating Week from June 1-9, DNREC Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police will hold their [2019 Youth Fishing Tournament](#) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, June 1. The tournament will be held at [Ingrams Pond](#) near Millsboro, [Akridge Scout Reservation](#) near Camden, and [Lums Pond State Park](#) near Bear. The park admission fee at Lums Pond State Park will be waived for tournament participants.

The tournament is open to youths ages 4 through 15. An adult must accompany youths under age 12, and contestants must bring their own fishing equipment. Prizes to all participants will be awarded at 1:30 p.m. in three age groups: 4-7, 8-11, and 12-15. The tournament is free and open to the public. Participants are asked to arrive before 10 a.m. to register for the tournament.

The tournament was established to introduce youth to the sport of fishing and to teach the catch-and-release approach to conservation. The event has grown tremendously since its start in 1986, introducing more than 200 youths to sport fishing each year.

In addition to the fishing tournament celebrating National Fishing and Boating Week, DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife has designated June 1 and 2 as free fishing days when residents and visitors may fish in Delaware waters without a

fishing license. Anglers are reminded that even though they don't need a license to fish on those two days, those age 16 and older are still required to obtain a free Fisherman Identification Network (F.I.N.) number, available online at www.delaware-fin.com or by calling 1-800-432-9228. Anglers are required to comply with Delaware's fishing regulations during these free fishing days, including size and daily catch limits.

For more information on the Youth Fishing Tournament, including the registration form, please call 302-739-9913 or click [2019 Youth Fishing Tournament](#).

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